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REMARKS

The above-identified patent application is directed to viral particles comprising at least a partially delipidated viral particles. Claims 1-27 are pending.

Telephone Interviews

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interviews on September 13, 2004, October 1, 2004, and October 22, 2004.

Election/Restrictions

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, Claim 2, drawn to a modified immunodeficiency virus particle. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner stated that the restriction requirement between Groups I-III would be withdrawn if the linking Claim 1 is allowed. The Examiner did not list Claim 1 in any of the Groups I-III. Group II lists Claim 2, drawn to a modified hepatitis virus particle. Group III lists Claim 2, drawn to a modified pestivirus particle.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner clarifying during October 22, 2004 telephone interview that when Group I is elected, Claims 1-2 would be examined. Upon finding of allowable subject matter, the restriction requirement between Groups I-III would be withdrawn, the other two modified virus particles (hepatitis and pestivirus particles) recited in Claim 2 would be rejoined, and Claims 1-2 would be examined.

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CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 22, 2004.

Applicants assert that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the application be passed to issuance. If the Examiner believes that any informalities remain in the case that may be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or that there are any other issues which can be resolved by a telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned agent at (404) 815-6102 or to Dr. John McDonald at (404) 745-2470 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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